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1. INTEREST IN SOLAR ENERGY TECHNOLOGY APPLICATION IN KOREA HAS INTENSIFIED RECENTLY BECAUSE OF HIGH-LEVEL GOVERNMENT CONCERN ABOUT FUTURE SCARCITY OF FUELS, REFTTEL. FOLLOWING THE FEBRUARY 9 PRESIDENTIAL REVIEW OF MER ACTIVITIES, PRESIDENT PARK REMAINED AT THE MINISTRY TWICE THE CUSTOMARY TIME MAINLY TO BEMOAN THE FACT THAT HE DELAYED SO LONG IN CREATING MINISTRY OF ENERGY & RESOURCES (MER).

2. UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE US-ROK JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR AND OTHER ENERGY TECHNOLOGY (SEE FIRST MEETING SUMMARY REPORT ITEM 5), KOREAN SIDE IS REQUESTING POINT
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OF CONTACT DESIGNATION FOR INFORMATION EXCHANGE WITH NASA RESEARCH CENTER AND SANDIA LABORATORIES ON GENERAL SOLAR R&D. (KOREAN CONTACT IS DR. PAK WON-HOON, HEAD, SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT, KOREA INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, P.O. BOX 131 DONG DAE MUN, SEOUL) AND WITH LEWIS RESEARCH LAB. ON PHOTOVOLTAIC AND SOLAR CELL R&D. (KOREAN CONTACT IS PROFESSOR IM TAE-SOON, PHYSICS DEPT., 1-1

SINSU-DONG, MAPO-KI, SEOUL 121).

3. GENERAL INFORMATION ON U.S. SOLAR ENERGY PROGRAM SHOULD BE SENT ALSO TO DR. KIM YOON-HYUNG, DIRECTOR, PLANNING BUREAU, MINISTRY OF ENERGY & RESOURCES, TOKSU BUILDING, ULCHI-RO 6 KA, CHUNG-KU, SEOUL 100.

4. KOREAN PLANS FOR FUTURE RELOCATION OF CAPITAL INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION OF LARGE NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS WITH CONFIGURATION MORE SUITABLE FOR PARTIAL HEATING WITH SOLAR ENERGY THAN CONVENTIONAL HIGH RISE STRUCTURES. OVER PAST YEAR EMBASSY HAS REITERATED TO BLUE HOUSE AND MINISTRIES OPPORTUNITIES AND ADVANTAGES NEW CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION OFFERS IN USE OF SOLAR ENERGY TECHNOLOGY. INFORMATION (ENERGY CONSERVATION, SOLAR ENERGY, ENERGY CONSERVATION IN COMMUNITIES, ETC.) ABOUT BUILDING TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS OF DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE'S CENTER FOR BUILDING TECHNOLOGY (INSTITUTE OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY, NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS) IS ESPECIALLY TIMELY HERE. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING FOUR COPIES OF SEPTEMBER 1977 NBS SPEC. PUBL. 446-1 TITLE "BUILDING TECHNOLOGY PROJECT SUMMARIES 1976".
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